

EDITORS' REPORT FOR VOLUME 55

We are pleased to report the publication of this volume of *Madroño* by the California Botanical Society (CBS) in 2008. This has been an "interesting" year for the journal with editorial duties dispersed among past editors and Board members. However, the spirit of cooperation and dedication to a quality publication has been realized with the current volume.

Of the manuscripts reviewed this year, 44 were published in the current volume. The interval between submission to publication has remained approximately one year, although dispersed editorial duties did extend this period for several manuscripts. This volume also has 12 noteworthy collections and 3 book reviews. The journal maintains a solid tradition of publishing articles on the natural history of botanical organisms of western America, Central America and South America (including 1 new genus, 3 new species, and range revision for 26 species) while also providing ample opportunity for current and emerging issues such as outcomes of climate change and invasive species biology. We look forward to continuing this forum for members of the CBS and others in the coming year.

Numerous reviewers have provided their service to the Society and to aid authors in seeing manuscripts reach successful publication. The Society and authors have also benefited from an editorial board, Jon Keeley (Book Reviews Editor), Dieter Wilken (Noteworthy Collections Editor), Margariet Wetherwax (Noteworthy Collections Editor), and Steve Timbrook (Compiler for Annual Index). Additionally, John Hunter and John Callaway oversaw main editorial duties for this volume, with additional input from Andrew Doran, Heather Driscoll, Dean Kelch, Kim Kersh, Staci Markos, James Shevock, Michael Vasey, Annielaurie Seifert and her colleagues at Allen Press, and the Executive Council of the California Botanical Society. All of these individuals deserve our thanks for their contribution to *Madroño*.

Finally, as the new co-editors, Dr. Tim Lowrey ("corresponding" editor) and Dr. Richard Whitkus ("copy" editor) have contributed to seeing this volume come to fruition and they look forward to serving the Society and *Madroño*.

All who have contributed to this volume
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